

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously presented): A safety seat comprising:

 a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion;

 divider means connected to the seat body for subdividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side;

 releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein; and

 support legs extending forwardly of the seat for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the leg assemblies having a thigh portion to engage the seat body and a lower portion connected to the thigh portion to engage the body of the vehicle and characterized in that the thigh portion has located therein a reinforcing bar to provide energy absorbing means adapted to absorb energy in an accident involving the vehicle.

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Claim 9 (Previously presented): A safety seat comprising:

a seat body including a base portion for being positioned on an existing seat of a vehicle and a back portion extending up from the base portion;

divider means connected to the seat body for sub-dividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side-by-side;

releasable anchoring means for connecting the seat body to anchorage points in the vehicle for securing the seat body therein;

support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the support legs comprising an upper generally horizontal portion and a vertical portion, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat and comprises inner reinforcement means adapted to absorb energy in an accident involving the vehicle.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A seat according to Claim 8, wherein the thigh portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A seat according to Claim 9, wherein the inner reinforcement means comprises a rod secured in the horizontal portion.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A seat according to Claim 8, wherein the forward end of the thigh portion is adapted to bend upwardly in the event of a crash.

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Claim 14 (Currently amended): A safety seat comprising:

a seat body having divider means for sub-dividing the seat body to provide a plurality of individual seats for accommodating two or more children side by side and support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the seat and wherein the seat body has elongate sockets extending in a forward direction when the seat is located in a vehicle;

each of said legs comprising a thigh portion;

said sockets being positioned, dimensioned and arranged to accommodate a horizontal or thigh portion of the legs; and

~~said legs being adapted to absorb energy in arranged for the thigh portion to bend and thereby absorb energy during an accident involving the vehicle and being arranged subsequent to an accident, for the horizontal portion to bend and whereupon the legs to be are lifted from the vehicle once the energy has been absorbed.~~

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A seat according to Claim 9, wherein the forward end of the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly in the event of a crash.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A seat according to Claim 14 8, wherein the thigh portion extends out from the side of the seat and is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat.